

## Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security

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*"She's the emblem of the land I love, the home of the true and the brave..."*

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*Jefferson County Commission's Office of Homeland Security operates Citizen Corps, Project Impact, CERT, the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program and has Committees on Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning, People with Special Needs, Animals in Disaster, Counter Terrorism Planning, Public Awareness and Education, and Partnership Development. Our committees are open to all who are interested and willing to serve on them, with the exception of the Counter Terrorism Committee, which is limited to Law Enforcement, Healthcare Providers, and the Emergency Responder Community. Any interested Business, Group, Government Agency, Faith-based, Civic Organization or Individual can become a JCOHS Partner. Membership is Free.*



### June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day Activities

*"Jefferson Prepares" is the Theme for the Day*

On Saturday, the 14th of June, 1777, the following resolution was offered in the American Congress:

*"Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Thus, our American Flag was born.*

*Act of April 4, 1818 provided for thirteen stripes-representing the thirteen original colonies, and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the Fourth of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.*

In Jefferson County, the American spirit is strong, and clearly visible through the flags flying high on our buildings, front porches, fire-trucks, and as bumper stickers on cars. The American Flag has always been, and continues to be, a symbol of hope, freedom, and unity. Traditionally a symbol of liberty, the US flag also represents our nation's pride, and is one sign beyond all others, that symbolizes the beliefs, values, and principles of our nation. The American Flag has carried its message to many parts of the world -- as well as out of this world. It symbolizes the resolve of our country by demonstrating our ability to overcome adversity from Revolutionary War battles to terrorist attacks.

As we encounter new challenges, we are reminded of the men and women who have fought to defend and preserve the values that the flag represents. These men and women

serve as a testament to our great nation. Their sacrifice is made because they believe in our country and the values that Americans hold dear.

In 1916, Flag Day was formally established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson. But although Flag Day was celebrated for years after this proclamation, it wasn't until August 3, 1949, when President Truman signed an act of Congress, that June 14th was officially designated as National Flag Day.

The National Citizen Corps Council challenges local councils each year to volunteer to do activities within their local communities on Flag Day that will educate and prepare fellow Americans. *We have chosen to do activities that will celebrate and empower our youth, our elderly and our special needs populations for our 2006 activities, and chosen the theme, "Jefferson Prepares."*

8:00 a.m Flag Raising Ceremony at the Jefferson County Court House. Color Guard from VFW Post # 3522, Charles Town. Jefferson County Commission President, Greg Corliss to lead the pledge of allegiance. Special guests include members of Jefferson County CERT, Boy Scout Troop 66 of Charles Town, and members of the Jefferson County Law Enforcement Community. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the flag raising ceremony as we celebrate the 229<sup>th</sup> birthday of Old Glory!

9:00-3:00 Volunteers to deliver "Disaster Preparedness for People with Special Needs/Disabilities" and "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors" to various agencies throughout the county who represent Seniors and Special Needs Clients.

9:00-3:00 Volunteers to deliver "Getting Ready" books to various businesses throughout the county for distribution to their customers.

9:00 – 3:00 Volunteers to read Disaster Preparedness Stories (age appropriate) to children in day care centers throughout the County.

3:00-5:00 p.m. Premier Presentation of "Is Your Family Prepared for an Emergency?" (Assessing your risk, making a disaster plan, tips for specific emergencies). Participants will be given a copy of the publication, "Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness," while they last. This special presentation will be held at the Jefferson County Public Meeting Room in the basement of the Old Charles Town Library at 200 E. Washington Street in Charles Town, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please use the Samuel Street Entrance.

6:30 p.m. National Incident Management (IS-700) Class to be taught in the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management. Pre-registration for this class is necessary. Contact [bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org) or 728-3329. This course, as well as additional courses, is required for NIMS Compliance for Mayors, Councilpersons, County Commissioners, Emergency Responders and anyone who may work or volunteer during any crisis or emergency. If you are a member of any of these groups who has not yet completed your IS-700 NIMS Training, please call today to sign up. This class is free.

Other activities may be added. A special Flag Day webpage has been added to our website at <http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/homeland%20security/JCOHS%20Home%20Page.htm>, Then click on Flag Day 2006

If you would like to volunteer to help on Flag Day, please contact the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security at 728-3329.

***"Keep Your Eye on the Grand Ol' Flag!"***

## **Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee Puts Out Challenge for Groups; Individuals to Make Basic Disaster Preparedness Kits for Jefferson's Most Vulnerable Citizens**

JCOHS' Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee met in May to discuss Jefferson County's most vulnerable citizens and what can be done in the pre-disaster timeframe to help those citizens to be prepared for disasters and emergencies. It was noted that many of our elderly and our special needs citizens cannot afford to store basic supplies that would be needed for an emergency. The group decided to focus on one group to try a pilot project and the group that they chose was Meals on Wheels clients. The committee is challenging Civic Groups and/or Individuals to prepare one or more Basic Kits and to deliver them to the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security, where volunteers will inventory the kits to be sure nothing was left out, add a list of emergency telephone numbers and a disaster preparedness book, then give the kits to representatives of Meals on Wheels for distribution to their clients. The Basic Kit should include:

1. Clear Plastic Container w/secure lid with the following items included:
2. Portable battery operated radio w/ batteries installed.
3. Flashlight with batteries installed.
4. Extra set of batteries for each of the above.
5. Non-electric can opener
6. 2 rolls of toilet paper
7. Travel size shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and deodorant
8. Small writing tablet and pen
9. Emergency Blanket (Silver fold up kind)
10. Small first aid kit with bandaids, etc. (no meds)

The completed kits can be dropped off to the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security, 124 E. Washington Street in Charles Town. The group has a goal for 100 Kits.

*"I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies." William Tyler Page*

## **Family Emergency Preparedness Presentation June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Is your family prepared for an emergency? If you answered, "No" or "I'm not sure," please plan to be at the Family Emergency Preparedness Presentation on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. in the Jefferson County Public Meeting Room, which is located in the basement of the Old Charles Town Library. You will learn:

- An overview of emergency preparedness—what it is and why its important.
- Assessing your risks. The importance of assessing the types of emergencies that may be faced.
- Making a family disaster plan. Discussion of communication needs, home preparations, disaster kit creation, planning for people's special needs and learning first aid.
- Emergencies away from home. Considerations for planning for emergencies at school, at work, while traveling and in public places.
- Tips for specific emergencies. Special steps to prepare for different types of emergencies.
- Coping. Helping children cope and coping with stress.
- Wrap-up/Questions

This presentation is a part of the 2006 Flag Day Activities, "*Jefferson Prepares*". I hope you can join us for the premier of this presentation!

*"Because of what America is and what America has done, a firmer courage, a higher hope, inspires the heart of all humanity." Calvin Coolidge*

## **Emergency Response Guidebook Training Offered on June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Bob Jaffin is again offering the ERG, Emergency Response Guidebook Training on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the new American Public University Systems Building in Charles Town. This course is a requirement for CERT II, and is also recommended for all Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters and Emergency Responders. The course is free and you will receive a certificate after passing the test at the end of the class. This one-night class teaches you how to read and use the ERG to protect yourself and others during hazardous materials spills. To pre-register, contact Barbara Miller at [bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org) or call 728-3329.

*"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women." Former President, Ronald Reagan*

## **SkyWarn Hurricane Stormspotter Class to be Held on June 6<sup>th</sup>**

National Weather Service meteorologist, James Brotherton will be returning to Jefferson County to teach the SkyWarn Hurricane Stormspotter Class on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson County Public Meeting Room, which is located in the basement of the Old Charles Town Library at 200 E. Washington Street in Charles Town from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

This is an optional 2 1/2 hour class that is offered seasonally (June-September). Its focus is Mid-Atlantic hurricanes, their frequency and history, outlook for the season, how hurricanes form, categories, their names, how to be prepared, and how Skywarn operates. You must have taken Basics 1 to attend this class.

This is the first time that the Hurricane Class has been taught in Jefferson County. Why hurricane class here, you say? Jefferson County has had remnants of hurricanes to cause damages throughout our county with Hurricane Isabel on September 17, 2003 and Hurricane Ivan on September 17, 2004. Hurricane season begins on June 1.

If you missed the classes that have been held in Jefferson County throughout March & April, the classes are held throughout the Sterling reporting region. For a list of upcoming classes, go to: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/skywarn/classes.html>  
For more information about the SkyWarn Program, go to:  
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/skywarn/skywarn.htm>

*"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One nation, evermore!"  
Oliver Wendell Holmes*

## **NOAA PREDICTS VERY ACTIVE 2006 NORTH ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON Residents in Hurricane Prone Areas Urged to Make Preparations**

May 22, 2006 — NOAA today announced to America and its neighbors throughout the north Atlantic region that a [very active hurricane season](#) is looming, and encouraged individuals to make preparations to better protect their lives and livelihoods. May 21-27 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week. (Click NOAA illustration for larger view of Hurricane Katrina aftermath in Biloxi, Miss. [Click here](#) for high resolution version. Please credit "NOAA.")

During a news conference at the NOAA National Hurricane Center, Deputy Secretary of Commerce [David A. Sampson](#) noted, "Preparation is the key message that President Bush wants to convey during National Hurricane Preparedness Week. The impact from these storms extends well beyond coastal areas so it is vital that residents in hurricane prone areas get ready in advance of the hurricane season."

For the 2006 north Atlantic hurricane season, [NOAA](#) is predicting 13 to 16 named storms, with eight to 10 becoming hurricanes, of which four to six could become 'major' hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher," added retired Navy Vice Adm. [Conrad C. Lautenbacher](#), Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator.

On average, the north Atlantic hurricane season produces 11 named storms, with six becoming hurricanes, including two major hurricanes. In 2005, the Atlantic hurricane season contained a record 28 storms, including 15 hurricanes. Seven of these hurricanes were considered "major," of which a record four hit the United States. "Although NOAA is not forecasting a repeat of last year's season, the potential for hurricanes striking the U.S. is high," added Lautenbacher.

Warmer ocean water combined with lower wind shear, weaker easterly trade winds, and a more favorable wind pattern in the mid-levels of the atmosphere are the factors that collectively will favor the development of storms in greater numbers and to greater intensity. Warm water is the energy source for storms while favorable wind patterns limit the wind shear that can tear apart a storm's building cloud structure.

This confluence of conditions in the ocean and atmosphere is strongly related to a climate pattern known as the multi-decadal signal, which has been in place since 1995. Since then, nine of the last 11 hurricane seasons have been above normal, with only two below-normal seasons during the El Niño years of 1997 and 2002.

With neutral El Niño/Southern Oscillation ([ENSO](#)) conditions expected across the equatorial Pacific during the next three to six months, the [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#) scientists say that neither El Niño nor La Niña likely will be a factor in this year's hurricane season.

"Whether we face an active hurricane season, like this year, or a below-normal season, the crucial message for every person is the same: prepare, prepare, prepare," said Max Mayfield, director of the [NOAA National Hurricane Center](#). "One hurricane hitting where you live is enough to make it a bad season."

The north Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. NOAA will issue a mid-season update in early August just prior to the normal August through October peak in activity.

The north Atlantic hurricane seasonal outlook is a product of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, National Hurricane Center and [Hurricane Research Division](#). The NOAA National Hurricane Center has hurricane forecasting responsibilities for the north Atlantic as well as the east Pacific regions.

NOAA, an agency of the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#), is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources.

Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems ([GEOSS](#)), NOAA is working with its federal partners, 61 countries and the European Commission to develop a global network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

*"No country is more loved by its people. I have an abiding faith in their capacity, integrity and high purpose." Herbert Hoover*

## **IS-230 Principals of Emergency Management Recommended FEMA On-Line Class for June**

Each month, the JCOHS Public Awareness/Education/Training Committee recommends one of the FEMA On-Line Courses and encourages all partners to take advantage of this FREE Training. This month's recommended course is: IS-230, Principals of Emergency Management. "All communities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards. Emergency management provides a structure for anticipating and dealing with emergency incidents. Emergency management involves participants at all governmental levels and in the private sector. Activities are geared according to phases before, during, and after emergency events. The effectiveness of emergency management rests on a network of relationships among partners in the system." To take the course, go to <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is230.asp> This course was just updated in April, 2006, so if you have taken it before, you may want to review the materials for updates.

You will receive a certificate from FEMA when you successfully complete this course and pass the test at the end of the course.

*"God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it." Daniel Webster*

## **American Public University System Earns Regional Accreditation**

*Distance learning institution among nation's largest providers of higher education to U.S. military*

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., May 23, 2006 — American Public University System, a distance learning institution that includes American Military University (AMU) and American Public University (APU), has earned regional accreditation through the [Higher Learning Commission](#) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

The University System ([www.apus.edu](http://www.apus.edu)) is one of the few institutions that is both regionally and nationally accredited by federally recognized accrediting agencies. It has been nationally accredited since 1995 by the [Distance Education and Training Council](#).



“We have always been committed to self-assessment,” says Wallace E. Boston Jr., president and chief executive officer. “We’re pleased the Higher Learning Commission of NCA has recognized our fulfillment of their rigorous accreditation standards and our ongoing commitment to self-evaluation and peer review.”

The NCA’s Higher Learning Commission oversees accreditation for 19 states and nearly 1,000 institutions and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

### **About the University System**

American Public University System provides relevant and affordable distance learning to more than 15,000 students worldwide — taught by professors who are experienced in the real-world subjects they teach. AMU and APU prepare students for careers in homeland security, intelligence, national security, criminal justice, emergency management, business and more.

*"T'was red with blood of freedom; and white with the fear of foe; And the stars that fit it their courses; 'gainst tyrants its symbols know."*

*Julia Ward Howe*

## **June is Home Safety Month**

June is Home Safety Month and the Home Safety Council and the JC Office of Homeland Security invites you to set aside a little time to learn how to be safer at home. Unintentional injuries in the home result in nearly 21 million medical visits on average each year. This year’s theme, “Hands on Home Safety” encourages the public to take some simple hands-on steps to create a safer home environment. Additional information about this year’s unintentional injury prevention campaign can be found at [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org)

*There are many flags in many lands, There are flags of many hue. But there is no flag however grand, Like our own Red, White and Blue!*

## **2006 VOAD & Volunteers Conference on Volunteerism, National Service & Service Learning July 10-13**

Faces of Leadership is the theme for the 2006 Conference on Volunteerism, National Service, and Service Learning that will be held at the Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, WV on July 11-13. The 2006 VOAD (Volunteers Active in Disaster) Conference, also will be held at the Civic Center on July 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speakers include: Margaret J. Wheatley, author of Leadership and the New Science, and Finding our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time; Vaughn Grisham, community economic development specialist and author of Tupelo: The Evolution of a Community; and Jim Hunt, Mayor of Clarksburg, WV and president of the National League of Cities. There



will be approximately 66 workshop choices—including the Volunteer Leadership Academy and the Service-Learning Academy.

This conference brings together both partners and participants who care about West Virginia and are actively working in their communities for a better future. People come to this conference to learn more about how to use volunteer service to get things done; to sharpen skills to tackle serious issues; to learn about new partners and how to work with them; to learn processes and practices for involving the community; and to learn new ideas, strategies, and program models. Early Bird Registration is \$130; \$160 after June 6<sup>th</sup>. Daily rates are also available. For more information, contact Moya Doneghy at 304-558-0111 or visit the link below for registration information and forms:

<http://www.volunteerwv.org/events/2006Conf/2006LeadershipProgram.pdf>

*"Every Heart Beats True, 'neath the Red White and Blue"  
George A. Cohen*

## **State LEPC/SERC Conference September 25-27**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual LEPC/SERC Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, WV on September 25-27, 2006. Conference highlights include: Statewise IRP Communications, NIMS Compliance, E-Team, Homeland Security Exercise, Katrina perspectives, Citizen Corps and the new Mine Industry Response Bill. Other subjects may also be covered. The conference is focusing on providing information to LEPC's, emergency management and response personnel throughout West Virginia. All persons and agencies involved with emergency planning, preparedness and response should attend. This is a great opportunity to network with other LEPC members and Emergency Response personnel, find out what the SERC and DHSEM are doing and interact with various vendors. For further information and to register, go to <http://www.wvdhsem.gov/conference.htm>

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."  
The Declaration of Independence*

## **MORE ON NIMS**

### **National Incident Management System**

This is a continuation of information about NIMS that was started in the April issue. National Incident Management System-related training is one of the important elements that local entities must complete during FY-2006 to become fully compliant with NIMS.

Jurisdictions are required to meet the FY06 NIMS requirements as a condition of receiving federal preparedness funding assistance in FY-2007.

The key points to the NIMS are: PREPAREDNESS-Planning, Training, Exercising, and tools; RESOURCE MANAGEMENT-Standards are to be the same nation-wide. With our resources identified under the strict guidelines for NIMS, the same resources will be called the same thing in every jurisdiction in the United States; and finally, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT-Interoperability. September, 2006 is the deadline for full NIMS implementation.

**Community Adoption:** Each local government must formally adopt NIMS at the local level for all of their government departments and agencies, as well as promote and encourage NIMS adoption by associations, utilities, non-government organizations, and private sector incident management and response organizations.

**Command & Management:** The Incident Command System (ICS) must be used to manage all emergency incidents and preplanned (recurring/special) events in accordance with ICS organizational structures, doctrine, and procedures, as defined in NIMS. ICS implementation must include the consistent application of Incident Action Planning and Common Communications Plans. All plans must institutionalize ICS, using terms and definitions. (See [www.fema.gov/txt/nims/institutionalizing\\_ics.txt](http://www.fema.gov/txt/nims/institutionalizing_ics.txt)). Concepts and principles of NIMS must be incorporated, including ICS characteristics such as common terminology, modular organization, management by objectives, incident action planning, manageable span of control, pre-designated incident facilities, comprehensive resource management, integrated communications, transfer of command, unity of command, unified command, personnel and resource accountability and information and intelligence management. Multi-Agency Coordination Systems must be in place to coordinate and support emergency incident and event management through the development and use of integrated multi-agency coordination systems, i.e. develop and maintain connectivity capability between local Incident Command Posts (ICPs, local 9-1-1 Centers, local Emergency Operations Centers and the state Emergency Operations Center.

**Public Information System:** Must implement processes, procedures, and/or plans to communicate timely, accurate information to the public during an incident through a Joint Information System and Joint Information Center. All persons responsible for disseminating information to the public must complete in addition to all other NIMS training, E388 Advanced Public Information Officers and G290, Basic Public Information Officer courses.

**Preparedness: Planning:** The Community's baseline must be established against the FY 2005 and FY 2006 implementation requirements by assessing which NIMS implementation requirements the community already meets vs. which ones still need to be met. The NIMS Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMCAST) is available to facilitate this: [www.fema.gov/nimcast/index.jsp](http://www.fema.gov/nimcast/index.jsp)

A system must be implemented to coordinate all federal preparedness funding to implement the NIMS across the community. A list of the Federal preparedness grant programs that have been reported to the NIC are available on the NIMS webpage at: [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)

Plans and SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) must be revised and updated to incorporate NIMS components, principles and policies, to include planning, training, response, exercises, equipment, evaluation, and corrective actions.

Must participate in and promote intrastate and interagency mutual aid agreements, to include agreements with the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

**Preparedness: Training:**

**2006 Training required by NIMS includes:**

IS-700 “NIMS, An Introduction” <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is700.asp>

IS-800 “NRP, An Introduction” <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is800.asp>

IS-100 “Introduction to ICS” <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is100.asp>

IS-200 “Basic ICS” <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is200.asp>

Additionally, Public Information Officers are required to take the Basic Public Information Officer course, taught in state; and the Advanced Public Information Officer’s Course, currently being taught a few times a year at the Emergency Management Institute.

For some positions, the IS 300 “Intermediate ICS”

And the IS 400 “Advanced ICS”, will be required training for FY-07.

For more information about the National Incident Management System, visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm>

**Preparedness: Exercises:**

All local and regional training must incorporate NIMS/ICS. This includes all drills, tabletop exercises, functional exercises, and full-scale exercises.

All organizations must participate in an all-hazard exercise program based on NIMS that involves responders from multiple disciplines and multiple jurisdictions and corrective actions into preparedness and response plans and procedures must be incorporated.

Resource Management: There must be an inventory of community response assets to conform to homeland security resource typing standards. The resource typing definitions can be found at [http://www.fema.gov/nims/mutual\\_aid.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/nims/mutual_aid.shtm)

To the extent permissible by law, ensure that relevant national standards and guidance to achieve equipment, communication, and data interoperability are incorporated into tribal and local acquisition programs.

**Communication & Information Management:**

Standardized and consistent terminology, including the establishment of plain English communications standards across public safety sector must be applied. Incident response communications during exercises and actual incidents should feature plain English commands so they will be able to function in a multi-jurisdictional environment. All field manuals and training should be revised to reflect the plain English standard.

The above information comes from the FY2006 Compliance Activities from the NIMS Integration Center, DHS/FEMA <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims.shtm>

The clock is ticking. Is your agency.....your community.....your state NIMS Compliant in all of the above categories?

**Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag. When we view the flag, we think of liberty, freedom, pride, and Betsy Ross. The American flag flies on the moon, sits atop Mount Everest, is hurtling out in space. The flag is how America signs her name.**

## **More Training Strategies**

The Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security provides and suggests training opportunities to enhance the capacity of our local jurisdiction to prevent, prepare for, and respond effectively to incidents of all-hazards. We provide and suggest training opportunities to citizens so that they may participate to the fullest extent of their training in disasters and emergencies as Citizen Volunteers and/or to take personal responsibility for disaster preparedness efforts for their families and their neighborhoods. Additionally, we provide and suggest training opportunities for local businesses and organizations for continuity of operations.

Our strategic plan for training is designed to meet the varying needs of our training audiences. This includes reaching multiple audiences through a combination of direct delivery, computer-based training, web-based training, video and DVD training. Many of our training opportunities that are direct-delivery programs are offered at multiple dates and times in an effort to reach our target audiences at times that are convenient to them.

In addition to our programs, we strongly encourage our partners to take part in other agency's training opportunities. Below are listed some of the agencies, educational institutions and others who offer training for those who work in Emergency Management and Homeland Security:

Jefferson Morgan Chapter, American Red Cross

<http://www.my.calendars.net/jeffarccalendar>

Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency [www.fema.gov/tab\\_education.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/tab_education.shtm)

United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/>

Office for Domestic Preparedness <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/coursecatalog.pdf>

RESA VIII Public Service Training <http://resa8.k12.wv.us/pbsvc/>

American Public University's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Courses

[www.apus.edu](http://www.apus.edu)

West Virginia University Virtual Medical Campus/HRSA

<http://www.readi.gwu.edu/courses.htm>

George Washington University Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute

<http://www.readi.gwu.edu/courses.htm>

National Fire Prevention Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=197&URL=Learning/Professional%20Development>

National Sheriff's Association <http://www.sheriffs.org/prog-wmd.shtml>

Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) <http://teexweb.tamu.edu/>

National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC)

<http://teexweb.tamu.edu/nerrtc/>

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

<http://www.hrsa.gov/bioterrorism/>

Health & Human Services [www.hhs.gov/trainingopportunities.shtml](http://www.hhs.gov/trainingopportunities.shtml)

Center for Disease Control & Prevention [www.dcd.gov/train.htm](http://www.dcd.gov/train.htm)

Department of Energy <http://web.em.doe.gov/emtrain/training.html>

There may also be training opportunities available through the departments or organizations that you represent.

All partners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the 2006 National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements for their agency and to take the required training for their particular discipline. This may include: IS-700 An Introduction to NIMS; IS800 The National Response Plan and the appropriate Incident Command Course for their discipline. <http://www.fema.gov/txt/nims/TrainingGdlMatrix.txt> This training is required for anyone who MAY be a part of response and recovery from disasters and emergencies.

## **Coming Events**

### **June, 2006**

- 1 Psychosocial Impact of Disaster and Terrorism. Evening 4 hour course. NCTC, 6-10 p.m. Registration for this course has Closed.
- 2 Psychosocial Impact of Disaster and Terrorism. NCTC 8a.m.- 5p.m. Registration for this course has Closed.
- 5 ERG (Emergency Response Guide Book Training) at American Public University at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary. Call 728-3329 or email to [bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org)
- 6 Hurricane Storm Spotter Class at the Jefferson County Public Meeting Room, located in the basement of Old Charles Town Library, 200 E. Washington Street, Charles Town. Please use the Samuel Street entrance. 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Pre-register by calling 728-3329 or emailing to [bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org)
- 12 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Customs and Border Patrol Training Facility in Harpers Ferry.
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 19 Animals in Disaster Meeting—9:30 a.m. at the Jefferson County Animal Control Facility.
- 27 Steering Committee at 9:00 a.m. at Hunter House Meeting Room.

### **July, 2006**

- 10 & 11 VOAD (Volunteers Active in Disaster) Conference at the Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV
- 11 –13 2006 Conference on Volunteerism, National Service & Service Learning at the Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV

**August, 2006**

**19-26 Jefferson County Fair Week. Sign Up to work our Information Booth!**

**September, 2006-National Preparedness Month**

\* Other Activities may be added. Watch your email for updates!!

\*\* Classes may need to be rescheduled in times of inclement weather or Emergency Operations Center activation. If you have questions about JCOHS activities, call 728-3329.

\*\* If you have activities that you would like to have added to the Calendar of Events, please get the information to the JCOHS Office prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.